

Application no.: 09/974,882

Docket no.: GTI-1320-CON1

AMENDMENT**In the specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [0001] with the following revised paragraph [0001]:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/453,610, now abandoned, and claims ~~priority~~ under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) ~~from the benefit of~~ provisional United States Patent Application Serial Number[s] 60/110,950 and 60/110,951, ~~each of which was~~ filed on December 4, 1998, the entire contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [0025] with the following revised paragraph [0025]:

[0025] Cells contemplated as recipients or "hosts" for the chromosomal DNA include fibroblasts, parenchyma stem cells, both hematopoietic and parenchymal, or essentially any cell ~~that is not a plant cell and~~ that can be exploited ex vivo for the purposes of gene delivery, and the like.